

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 PA-01 USIA-06 CIAE-00  
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R 102057Z MAR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4875  
INFO AMEMBASSY LIMA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

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DEPT PLEASE PASS AFL-CIO'S MCLELLAN AND J.F.  
OTERO OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY AND AIRLINE CLERKS.

EMBASSIES FOR LABATTS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, AR  
SUBJECT: EX-PORTWORKER LEADER REPORTEDLY A SUICIDE

1. EX-PORTWORKER LEADER AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF)  
BOARD EUSTAQUIO TOLOSA WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE  
AT THE UNION'S COOPERATIVE MARCH 7. HIS SECRETARY  
WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN THE SAME INCIDENT. THERE  
HAVE BEEN CONFUSED ACCOUNTS IN THE PRESS AND THE  
POLICE HAVE NOT YET ISSUED AN OFFICIAL REPORT.  
HOWEVER, UNION CONTACTS, CITING TOLOSA'S BROTHER  
AS THE SOURCE, TELL US THAT TOLOSA FIRST SHOT HIS  
PARAMOUR "SECRETARY" AND THEN TURNED THE GUN ON  
HIMSELF. UNION SOURCES ARE CALLING THE AFFAIR A  
CRIME OF PASSION AND SUICIDE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ITF  
COORDINATOR GARCIA TRAVELLED TO LIMA YESTERDAY TO EXPLAIN  
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THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT TO THE ITF  
REGIONAL OFFICE THERE.

2. TOLOSA, WELL-KNOWN TO THE AFL-CIO, HAD A STORMY CAREER  
AS THE LABOR BOSS OF A TOUGH UNION. HE HAD BEEN THE TARGET  
OF SEVERAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS DURING HIS CAREER AND  
NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HIS NAME WAS

ALSO IMPLICATED LAST YEAR IN THE KILLING OF ANOTHER UNION  
LEADER. TOLOSA IS MOST OF ALL REMEMBERED FOR HIS CALL FOR  
AN INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT BOYCOTT AGAINST ARGENTINA DURING  
THE ONGANIA REGIME, FOR WHICH HE SERVED SEVERAL YEARS IN  
PRISON.  
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NOTE BY OCT: MESSAGE DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.  
FURTHER NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEES.

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## Message Attributes

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